

# Weekly Messenger

May 8, 2023

I often work towards certain goals or events and it seems that everything we were working toward happened last week. Grandparents Day, art displays, and the musical all happened last week. Thanks to everyone for your participation, your words of encouragement, and your financial support for our Library and classroom technology. It was a good week, and we were blessed by you.

Now what? Well, we create new goals or events to work toward. Our baseball teams will begin to practice in preparation for their tournaments. We will create a schedule for practicing track and field to prepare for the LCS track and field day as well as the district track and field day. Always something to do.

Our LCS track and field day is scheduled for Friday May 26. It is always a great day of athletic events but also a good day when we witness our community together. Parents volunteer to guide groups from event to event and also to run events. It is great to see them involved with the students.

However, we need your help. Please consider investing your time for a day to help run our track and field day. You don't have to be an expert; you just have to be willing. There are some spots already filled but there is still room for more. Here is the link to the sign up site:

<https://signup.com/go/zeLwHaL>.

In June, we will be going on a number of field trips. Teachers will be asking for drivers and for chaperones. I hope we can count on you to support these trips.

There is always something to do, some way to volunteer, and a variety of ways to be involved. We thank you for engaging in LCS with us.

## May Events

9- Grade 7 Immunizations  
16- Dental Screening JK, SK, 2, 4, 7  
16- Harriston Packers Meat  
Delivery  
19- Assembly at 9:40 Lead by SK  
& Grade 5/6  
22- Victoria Day  
26-LCS Track & Field Day

## Happy Birthday

May 10  
Jaelyn S

May 15  
Haven S

## June Events

8-Baseball Tournament  
15- District Track & Field  
19- SK Graduation  
21-Grade 8 Graduation  
23- Last day of School  
23- Final Report Cards go home

**Congratulations** to all of the students for such a wonderful job on our musical Not Your Average Joe! You acted, sang, did all the actions and worked behind the scenes so beautifully. It was such a joy to lead you through learning the music and truths of this fun musical. Special thanks to the parents for your work helping your child find their outfits for the choir costumes-they looked fantastic! I want to express my gratitude to Mrs. Bakker, Mrs. Claus, Mrs. Dykstra and Mr. Boelens for their great contributions to making the musical a success. Their willingness to lead, guide and serve were greatly appreciated. Thank you to the tech crew and the many volunteers from our school community who helped with sets, props and costumes. Thank you to Mrs. Weishar for putting together the program and for the parents who served the refreshments at Grandparents' Day. Everything came together so well.

"Whatever work is here to do I know my God will see me through. No matter what He sets before me, my God is with me, my God is for me."- Mrs. Wright

### Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

What a great day Thursday was! It was wonderful to meet and talk with grandparents when they visited the classroom. I am so proud of all of the JK students, you did a great job saying the poem for your parents and grandparents up on the stage! This Tuesday is orange day in JK! Students can wear something orange or bring in something orange to show the class.

Our focus letter this week is Zz which means we have learned about the whole alphabet! We will learn our final Jolly Phonics song and do a couple of activities to practice our z knowledge. Then, next week, we will begin reviewing the letters we have learned.

In **math**, we will be printing 8, 9, and 10 and have simple introductions to adding and subtracting

In **Bible**, we will learn about the Greatest Commandment and Pentecost.

In **health**, we will learn about street safety and talk about good rules for when we are walking on the sidewalk or needing to cross the street.

## Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week, we will focus on making our Moms a special Mother's Day surprise. We have been chatting about Moms for the last week. You are all VERY LOVED! The students make it sound like they are helpful all the time. I hope that is true for at least the most part. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all of you!

We will also be learning about caterpillars turning to butterflies and what the difference is between a butterfly and a moth.

This week, we will be isolating letter sounds and identifying them and printing the corresponding letter. We are really working on printing lowercase letters. Practice makes perfect.

In **math**, we will practice printing numbers 1 to 20, counting to 100, and learning about concrete and picture graphs.

In **Bible**, we will continue learning about the miracles Jesus performed such as Feeding the 5000 and Walking on Water.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will be printing lowercase f and printing words on a line.

SK will host an assembly with Grade 5/6 and Grade 1 on Friday May 19th at 9:40am. I will be away Monday May 15th, 2023.

There is no school for SK on Track and Field Day, May 26th, 2023.

On Thursday May 25th, we will be walking to the library for a visit with Grade 1 and Tuesday June 6, 2023 we will travel to the Firehall for a visit. More details to follow. Have a great week!

## Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

Thank you for your help getting your child ready for the musical and supporting our school with your presence, prayers, and encouragement! I'm so happy for our community that we could lift up the name of the Lord together in this way.

In **Bible**, we continue to practice Joshua 24:15 together. Our lessons on Joshua wrap up this week with show what you know. Then, we will look at how God showed mercy to his covenant-breaking people by sending judges to deliver them. The cycle of the judges was an unsettled time as the Israelites kept forgetting their covenant promise to serve only God. God showed mercy and each time sent a deliverer.

**Reading:** We finish up our work on r-controlled vowels; if time permits we will start on the long and short sound produced when two "oo"s are in together in a word.

**Nonfiction focus:** What are the features of a nonfiction text?

**Spelling:** farmer, perch, her, germ, serve, anger, tiger, father, mother, ever, water, finger

**Grammar:** Next up is adjectives. How can adjectives add interest to our readers?

**Writing:** Our moms will be on our hearts and minds this week as we write. Thank you Lord for moms!

**Math:** We are just getting started with a coin counting unit.

**Creation Studies:** We will learn about what makes a bird a bird this week. We were in wonder as the chicks hatched in our room! God, you make amazing things!

**Chapter book read aloud:** Heartwood Hotel: Better Together

**PE:** We are getting ready for track and field day by learning the basic skills for each event. Please consider helping on track and field day (if you haven't already).

**Looking ahead:** Field trip Thursday, May 25th. We will be walking with the SK class to the library here in town. We will leave the school around 10am. If you have your vulnerable sector check and would like to join us, please contact me!

# Announcements

## Upcoming Pizza Day

Wednesday May 17: Dominos Pizza

## Best Ball Golf Tournament

Save the date for LCS Best Ball Golf Tournament

Saturday June 10th at 1:30pm

at Pike Lake Golf Course

Steak Dinner & Golf: \$130

9 Hole Golf per person: \$80

Steak Dinner per person: \$60

Email:

[fundraising@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:fundraising@listowelchristianschool.ca)  
to reserve your spot!

## Employment Opportunity:

We are looking to hire a primary teacher for a Grade 1 and/or Grade 2 position for the upcoming school year. If you, or someone you know, would like to serve LCS as a classroom teacher, be a part of our staff team, and educate children, please send your resume to me

([prinicpal@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:prinicpal@listowelchristianschool.ca)).

## Mrs. Wright's Piano Lesson Recital

Friday June 2 at 7:00 pm

All are welcome to attend

## Meat Fundraiser

The meat delivery date is Tuesday May 16. Mark it on your calendar. I am looking for 2-3 volunteers to help sort the orders on Tuesday May 16 between 1:30 – 3:00.

## Save the Date for Field Trip

Friday, June 16th - Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 will be going on a field trip to Between the Lines! More details will be shared later on, including a waiver form that will need to be signed. Stay tuned!

## Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

I hope you enjoyed the musical and that all the grandparents had a lovely grandparent's day. The students were so excited to have them here and enjoyed making their little gifts. I am going to miss all the catchy tunes the students were singing throughout the day from "Not your Average Joe". Here is an outline of our work for this week:

**Math:** This week, we are finishing our work on word problems and start working on some number sense.

**Spelling & phonics:** This week, we are studying words with the phonic skill short oo. A variant vowel is a group of letters that represents the sound of a vowel. In our word study units, we are focusing on students learning an explicit phonics skill rather than memorizing a list of words.

**Popcorn words:** Please remember to practice reading the popcorn words every day and completing the sheet that needs to be returned. Thank you to those who sent the popcorn recording sheets back last week. If you haven't returned it yet, will you please send it back as soon as possible. I would like to send you a new sheet, but would also like to see how much your child has improved in reading sight words this past month and celebrate with them.

If I send you the next sheet and your child is able to read the words well, please practice writing them as well. A few of the students have practiced writing the words too, and it is making a big difference to their writing which in turn motivates them to write even more. If your child can read and write them, please send the sheet back and I will send you the next set of popcorn words. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

**Writing:** This week, we are working on opinion writing.

**Reading:** In our decodable readers, we read a story focusing on the phonic skill short oo.

**Library:** We have library tomorrow. Please remind your child to pack his/her library books this evening.

## Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

Here we go for a beautiful week of weather and learning! I'll hopefully send an e-mail later this week with all the pictures of our students with their grandparents/grand friends on grandparents day.

**Creation Studies:** Our Mapping unit tests are coming home in kidmail. We will start our new unit All Creatures Great and Small by studying mammals.

**Bible:** We will learn about the Transfiguration, Jesus as he visits with Zacchaeus and meets the rich young ruler.

**Art:** We had a hiccup in trying to draw people special to us last week - hopefully we can finish this week.

**French:** We will continue to learn about food items.

**Health:** With grandparents day last week we didn't get to do health so we will talk about relationships this week.

## Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

This week looks like it will be a beautiful week with nice weather. Layers are best as mornings and classrooms can be chilly. Thank you for your support during Christian Education Week. It was one for the books.

**Bible:** We are learning the Lord's Prayer together. We are continuing our journey through Easter as well.

**Math:** Multiplication is also being continued.

**Language:** We will be learning about suffixes:

cooked, jumping, cleaner, played, helping, bigger, started, looking, colder, ripped, singing, older

**Creation Studies:** We are starting our research on our rainforest mammals and organizing our findings under different topics.

# Announcements

## Girls Baseball Practice

The girls baseball team will have practice Mondays at lunch recess and Wednesdays after school! Please give the office permission to stay for practice

## Boys Baseball Practice

The boys baseball team will have practice Thursdays & Fridays at snack recess and Wednesdays after school!



## Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

**Math** - We have finished a short unit on Fractions. Students will have a quiz on FRIDAY. Smartboard notes will be sent the day before the quiz!

**I Know It** - due FRIDAY - "Equivalent Fractions"

**Memory Work** - due NEXT FRIDAY - Psalm 27:1 - "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"

**Spelling** - Below are the team names and their spelling lists:

- **Spelling Spiders** - thumb, new, blue, cube, grew, truth, dune, trunk, chew, do, due, brush, glue, fume, junk, true, stuck, flew, stew, knew, crew, blew, dew
- **Speed Spellers** - play, fry, stays, crying, plays, fried, sprays, fries, played, playing, frying, spies, staying, sprayed, cries, spraying, cry, spied, spy, stay, stayed, cried, spray, spying
- **Spelling Sloths** - speaker, creator, guardian, artist, traveler, visitor, historian, terrorist, finalist, prisoner, decorator, defender, director, Australian, specialist, Asian, believer, inventor, librarian, vocalist, attacker, survivor, Egyptian, Christian

IN THREE WEEKS, we will have a dictation where 10 words from each list will be chosen. If you go to [spellingcity.com/tdelleman](http://spellingcity.com/tdelleman), students will be able to access their lists and play games online using their words.

## Grade 4/5 and 6 French- Ms. VanKampen:

Students will be given one more class (Tuesday's) to complete their respective assignment of assigning times to one's personal daily schedule. This week we will conclude our unit on time.

## Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

Good day folks. Well, the leaves are out, and it appears so are the Leafs. Ohh well, as Cec would say, there's always next year! Here's what's up in the classroom:

In **Bible**, last week's Test will be returned this week. Our next few units will all be about Jesus. We will start with His early Ministry, including John the Baptist, Jesus' baptism, Satan tempting Jesus, Nicodemus, and the Living Water. On Thursday of this week we will be looking at Jesus' Baptism. The students have taken home a sheet that they should record some information about their own baptism. Please help them fill this out, and bring it back for Thursday.

In **math**, some more work has been returned. Please ask to see it and go over some of these items with them. There are a few Grade 6 students who are "right there" with regards to making the connection with double digit long division. Some extra practice at home would push them over the edge. Grade 5 continues on with fractions, and decimals, while Grade 6 is plotting points, tessellations and transformation within Geometry. Let's end strong! Remember one lesson a day. :)

Within our **novel**, we have moved on to Book the **Fourth**. An unabridged audio file for the book is in the classroom. This week, we will be reading chapters 41-43. Listen along with your student as need be. We will study the themes of compliance, the author's use of light, character development, and what it means to be a hero! Enjoy.

This week the reading strategy and writing skill are as follows:

**Reading Strategy:** Determine Importance

**Writing Skill:** Organizing your ideas

I will be checking in with students throughout the week on these, and collect them on Friday

As we continue on with our media endeavour, we will discuss ways in which we talk to one another, how people talk at us, and how we as Christians are called to make disciples of all nations. The campaign is beginning to take shape. We have now studied Advertisements, Rants, and Public Service Announcements. To direct the group's ideas, and expressionary outlets, we will explore the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations this week. This list of 17 Global goals are a terrific way for students, young adults, and weary adults to structure change in our lives. Check out what the SDG are using [sdgs.un.org](http://sdgs.un.org).

### Grade 5/6 Mr Siebenga Continued..

Our plant procedural experiment continues to be observed, measured and discussed. Ask your student about this process, and their reflections with their hypothesis. We will be writing our final procedural writing piece when this is completed, later this month.

New spelling sorts are up on the G. Classroom.

\*\*\*\*\* **In Art** - Please have your student bring in 5 rocks. The biggest should be the size of a softball. Then decreasing in size until the smallest is around the size of a golf ball.\*\*\*\*\*

**Memory Work:** Romans 12:14-16 (The Living Bible)

14 If someone mistreats you because you are a Christian, don't curse him; pray that God will bless him. 15 When others are happy, be happy with them. If they are sad, share their sorrow. 16 Work happily together. Don't try to act big. Don't try to get into the good graces of important people, but enjoy the company of ordinary folks. And don't think you know it all!

Romans 12:14-16 (NIV)

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.[a] Do not be conceited. (NIV)

### Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

**Pure Substances & Mixtures**

This week's topics: solutions, mechanical mixtures, solute/solvent/solubility, and water as the universal solvent.

### Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Thanks for all your work last week, grade 7/8! You really helped make the week a success and took some of the stress off of the teachers. Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done!

Scholastic orders are going home today. According to the email, they are the last order that will be going out. Our class code is **RC177130**. You can order online and have it shipped to the school with the class order for free or you can pay shipping to have it shipped to your house. I will be placing an order by the end of the month. If you need books earlier let me know and I can always process the order before then.

We are excited to have planned our field trip this year to the Old Post in Harriston on **June 9**. This is a fantastic escape room and I'm hoping the students work well together and I look forward to seeing how they work with each other and depend on each individual talent. For this trip, we do need **parent drivers** so if you are willing and able to drive, can you please email me with the number of students you are able to take? We will leave shortly after school has started and be back before the buses leave.

**Bible:** I did not give the tests back this past week, I apologize. They will have them back shortly. The rest of this school year we will be focusing on different parts of Church history and why they are important both historically and today.

**History:** We have almost finished our Black Death assignment. The test for the Medieval unit is this Friday, May 12.

**Art:** We will be working on our last 5 sketches this week. These sketches are due June 7. They will have one or two more class periods to work on them depending on how work time is being used.

**French:** Short skits/stories are due on Wednesday, May 10. Students will be expected to present their skit or story on Wednesday or share a video of them presenting their skit/story.

**Healthy Living:** There will be an email letter coming home later this week. We are working through both baseball and track and field in phys. ed this unit.

**Writing:** Students did a great job writing the knight story and I am looking forward to reading them a little more closely.

**Guided Reading:** Because of the busyness of this past week, we did not get very far in our Guided Reading roles #2 so we will finish those this week.

**W.W.W.:** We also were unable to get to our next W.W.W. unit so we will begin that tomorrow.

### Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

We will continue with our algebra units getting to the mid unit reviews. We will also do some practicing for the Gauss Contest that will be written on Wednesday May 17. As always, daily work is assigned.